

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: video_jasha[1].jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: New Zealand Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file *video_jasha[1].jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The image on the file consists of a nude photograph of a teenage boy. He appears to be engaged in masturbation but digital blurring has been used to obscure his genitals. Although obviously a teenager, his muscular development suggests that he may well be 18 or 19 years old. There is nothing about the image that links sexual desirability with the youthful characteristics of young teenagers. Additional evidence is provided by the website from which the image was sourced: the "19nitten" website declares that its models are all "18+".

The computer image file is intended for adult users and for the purpose of sexual arousal. The right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been weighed against the likelihood of injury to the public good if the publication is made available to children and young persons. Given the sexual content of the image file, restriction to adult viewers is reasonable, demonstrably justifiable and the minimum required to prevent injury.